
APPENDIX XI
TSCP Report

Location: Dayton, Ohio
Project Title: Gateway Access Project
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1. Summary of Project and Anticipated Products

What are the objectives of the project? What are its intended products and outcomes? How will the project be accomplished?

Funding acquired from the TCSP will be used to mitigate the problems currently faced with the existing access route for the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The park site is accessed from the Kauffman Road and SR 444 intersection, a route that is circuitous. Currently, traffic at this intersection conflicts with egress from the park site.

The purpose of the project therefore is to create a shorter, more direct route, maintain Air Force Base security, reduce delays at the intersection, increase accessibility to the park, maintain the integrity of the flood control area and steam line serving the Wright Field facilities. The plan will also incorporate Park bikepaths with regional paths, providing multi-modal connections between the Gateway and other Park units about 10 miles east.

The Dayton Gateway Development Plan features a new roadway, which will provide direct access between the Wright Memorial and the Huffman Prairie Flying Field. A vehicular bridge stretching over the Kauffman Road, SR444 and the freight railroad will be added. The project will provide a bike/pedestrian bridge over the freight railroad and a tunnel under State Road 444. A new traffic signal will be added at the Kauffman and Wright Memorial entrance. The additions will separate pedestrians and bikes from most of the roadway, enhance safety, and provide access that is separate from the Air Force Base area, thus uniting the parks.

The project will be developed in three phases. Phase I involves construction of the bike/pedestrian path, bridge, and tunnel. Phase II will be the reconstruction of the Marl Road, including the boulevard section. Phase III includes the construction of the vehicular bridge that will connect Marl Road, and the new road to connect the Memorial to the bridge.

2. Innovative Aspects

What is unique or innovative about this project? Please consider process issues (e.g., partnerships, planning process, coordination, finance, evaluation, etc.) as well as expected products (e.g., master plan, handbook, implemented project).

The Gateway Project will connect several sites within the Dayton area. It will provide for visitors alternative modes to access the parks. The project also involves several groups and organizations, which will create a more diverse environment.

3. Evaluation

What is the status of the evaluation plan and related activities? What methods are being used to evaluate the grant's accomplishments? What measures of performance are being used? Who is responsible for conducting the evaluation? What is the time schedule for completing the evaluation?

Evaluation of the project will be conducted as a joint effort of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission, National Park Services, and Greene County Park District. Evaluation will be based on the number of visitors, both vehicular and pedestrian, that use the new routes. Counts will be done at the end of both phase one and two and then compared with current visitor statistics. An evaluation will initially be conducted within a year of its completion and annually for the following three years.

4. Status and Accomplishments

What is the current status of the project? What products have been produced? Have the anticipated products and/or outcomes changed compared to what was initially identified in the project application? If so, how and why?

The project has not moved forward because of the complications that arose with funding. This money will be combined with the funding received from the HUD Foundation in order to complete phase one of the project. Once those issues are resolved it is estimated that design for the project will be completed by the end of 2003, with construction expected to start in 2004.

5. Lessons Learned

What have been the general reactions to the project? What aspects of the project have been most successful? Have any significant barriers been encountered? If so, how are these barriers being addressed? Have any significant delays occurred compared to the initial anticipated time schedule? If so, what was the reason for these delays?

The Gateway Project is strongly supported by the Dayton Community and city officials, which guarantees the success of the project.

The project has not moved forward due to problems associated with project funds. We are therefore working with the state to acquire and spend these funds on our behalf.